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SUBJ: ALGERIAN POSITION RE ARAB OIL EMBARGO

1. ALGERIAN EDITORIALIST WHO COVERS PETROLEUM
MATTERS SUBMITTED LONG AND AMBIGUOUS DISCUSSIONS OF
OIL EMBARGO IN MARCH 11 AND 12 MOUDJAHID. GENERAL
THRUST WAS THAT ISRAELIS, THROUGH GOLDA MEIR'S RECENT
STATEMENTS, HAVE TAKEN STAND WHICH RENDERS SECRETARY
KISSINGER'S PEACE EFFORTS USELESS. HENCE THERE IS

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QUESTION WHETHER CONDITIONS ARE SUCH THAT EMBARGO

SHOULD BE LIFTED. HOWEVER AT TRIPOLI ALGERIA
WOULD MAINTAIN SOLIDARITY WITH OTHER ARAB PRODUCERS,
PARTICULARLY CONFRONTATION STATES.

2. OFFICIAL ALGERIAN POSITION RE ENDING EMBARGO
HAS NOT BEEN MADE PUBLIC. HOWEVER WE UNDERSTAND
IT TO BE THAT ALGERIAN REPRESENTATIVE AT TRIPOLI
CONFERENCE, BELAID ABDESSELAM, WILL SUPPORT LIFTING
BOYCOTT. IF HOWEVER THERE WERE STRONG OBJECTION
FROM SYRIA, ALGERIAN POSITION WOULD PROBABLY BE
MUTED OR MIGHT EVEN BE CHANGED TO ONE OF SOLIDARITY
WITH SYRIA.

3. ONE THING IS CERTAIN. ALGERIANS DO NOT WANT
ANY REDUCTION IN OIL PRICES. IF THEY THOUGHT ENDING
OF EMBARGO WOULD AUTOMATICALLY BRING WITH IT A
SUBSTANTIAL PRICE REDUCTION THIS COULD AFFECT THEIR
TACTICS IN TRIPOLI.
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